



MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Amy Horton, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement & Growth

SUBJECT: Notice of the Department’s Consideration of an Additional Administration of the IREAD-3 Assessment

DATE: October 24, 2012

In response to input from the field, we are considering an additional opportunity for third grade students who have not been successful in one or more previous attempts to pass the IREAD-3. An additional administration of the IREAD-3 during the fall of 2013 would allow for increased local control and flexibility in determining when students are duly ready to be promoted to participate in a complete 4th grade curriculum and coursework.

The following table represents what the schedule for three 2013 IREAD-3 test administrations would look like should the department recommend and the Board approve the addition of a fall testing window.

Spring 2013 IREAD-3 testing window	Summer 2013 IREAD-3 testing window	Fall 2013 IREAD-3 testing window
March 18 - 20, 2013	June 3 – July 26, 2013 (as specified on the consent agenda for 10/31/12)	TBD

Upon complete review of the impact on students, details and logistics of an additional administration, and the implications for the department’s budget, we will provide a recommendation to the Board on whether to pursue an additional administration and the optimal dates for a fall testing window.

Thank you.